

# Len Greene

## *Biography*

Len Greene was first elected to the House of Representatives in a special election on March 4, 1997 and is currently serving his fourth term representing the 105th Legislative District comprised of Seymour, Beacon Falls and Ansonia.

Representative Greene was a driving force behind the legislation first proposed in 1997 and enacted into law a year later giving the people of Beacon Falls the power to make their own decisions about the future of their regional school district. The legislation ended the long stranglehold the Town of Prospect had held over Beacon Falls and was a key factor in resolving the long dispute over building a high school for Region 16.

In that first, abbreviated term, Representative Greene had the distinction of being the first legislator to co-sponsor the legislation that will carry out the landmark initiative presented by Governor John G. Rowland to preserve open space land in Connecticut. He also introduced a bill to repeal the nuisance sales tax on over-the-counter sales of newspapers, a provision included in the tax cut package adopted in 1998. In 2001, he was the primary sponsor of legislation that allows vehicles operated by volunteer firefighters and EMTs to use flashing white headlamps, when they are on the way to the scene of a fire or medical emergency. The legislation is designed to make volunteers firefighters and EMTs more visible when they are responding to emergencies and reduce the time it takes for them to reach accident scenes and fires and increase public safety for all motorists.

Elected to his second full term in 2000, Representative Greene serves as Ranking Member of the General Assembly's General Law Committee, and is also a member of the Public Safety and Commerce Committees. He is a former member of the Planning and Development Committee.

Len is active in civic and community affairs in his hometown of Beacon Falls, where he served on the Board of Selectmen from 1993 to 1995 and was Town Treasurer from 1991 to 1993. Len is a former member of the Water Pollution Control Authority and served as Vice Chairman from 1988-91.

His past appointed positions include Town Representative for the Fire Department Service Award Commission (1993-95); Town Representative, Local Regional Planning Commission on Educational Quality and Diversity (1994); and Vice Chairman of the Historic Commission (1988-91).

Representative Greene is a member and Past President of the Beacon Falls Lions Club; Webelos Leader, Cub Scouts of America Pack 116; Coach, Beacon Falls Little League; Coach, Beacon Falls Girls Softball League; and Assistant Coach, Seymour High School Varsity Football. In 2000 he received the Courage of Connecticut Legislative Achievement Award from the Connecticut Coalition of Police and Corrections Officers. In 2001, he received "Standing By The Bravest Award" from the Uniformed Professional Firefighters Association (UPFFA) of Connecticut. Representative Greene introduced

initiatives in Public Act 01-192 that allow vehicles operated by volunteer firefighters and EMTs to use flashing white headlamps on the way to the scene of a fire or medical emergency. The legislation is designed to help volunteers firefighters and EMTs be more visible when they are responding to an emergency, thus allowing them to reach accident scenes and fires more quickly and make the roads safer for all motorists.

A 1976 graduate of Seymour High School, Len earned his Bachelor of Science Degree in Marketing from the University of New Haven in 1980.